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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S DRAFT OF REMARKS TO BE MADE BY AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AS REQUESTED PARA 5 REFTEL.

2. MR. PRESIDENT:

QTE IT IS GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT TO YOU MY CREDENTIALS AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. I BRING TO YOU AND TO SOMALI PEOPLE THE VERY BEST WISHES OF PRESIDENT FORD.

WE IN THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE THE STRUGGLE SOMALIA HAS FOUGHT IN THE PAST TO WIN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. WE KNOW OF THE WAR YOU ARE NOW WAGING TO BRING TO YOUR PEOPLE THE FULL ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BENEFITS SO LONG DENIED YOU. AS AN AMERICAN WHO HAS LONG SERVED IN AFRICA, I KNOW THAT IGNORANCE, PROVERTY AND DISEASE ARE NOT ENEMIES FACING YOUR NATION ONLY. THEY ARE MANKIND'S ENEMIES AS WELL.

RECENT AMERICAN VISITORS TO SOMALIA HAVE WITNESSED FOR THEMSELVES THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION OF DROUGHT. THEY HAVE SEEN FOR THEMSELVES THE HUNGER, THE SUFFERING AND THE ECONOMIC LOSSES IT HAS BROUGHT TO
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THE SOMALI NATION. THEY HAVE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES WITH A

DEEPER APPRECIATION OF YOUR STRUGGLE AND WITH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR NEEDS. THEY HAVE ALSO RETURNED WITH A RENEWED RESPECT FOR YOUR DETERMINATION TO CONQUER YOUR ENEMIES USING THE ONLY TOOLS AVAILABLE: COURAGE AND HARD WORK, THE DEEP DESIRE FOR A BETTER LIFE AND THE UNCOMPROMISING SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE. THESE ARE QUALITIES WHICH ARE NOT LIMITED TO ANY SINGLE NATION, TO ANY SINGLE PEOPLE. AMERICA WAS CREATED IN THE SAME SPIRIT AND WITH THE SAME TOOLS.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WISH ONLY FOR SOMALIA WHAT IT WISHES FOR ITSELF. WE HOPE AND TRUST THAT WE CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR STRUGGLE. I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING AND TO ACHIEVE YOUR OWN DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE UNITED STATES. TOGETHER, I AM CERTAIN WE CAN SUCCEED. UNQTE

3. WE SHOULD RECEIVE ANY REVISIONS PRIOR COB JULY 19.
HAMRICK

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